



# Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board

**Date:** March 11, 2022      **Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual Location - [meet.google.com/euq-ojfi-hjx](https://meet.google.com/euq-ojfi-hjx)

## Meeting Goals and Objectives

- Review existing efforts funded through the Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF) that seek to advance the goals of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)
- Discuss FY2023 PIGF Notice of Funding Availability: Timeline and Funding Priorities
- Identify members or representatives of the Oversight Board willing and able to serve as grant reviewers for the FY2023 PIGF applications

## Meeting Attendees (Members)

Judge Daniel Long	Board Chairman
Martin Hammond	Deputy Director of Criminal Justice Programs, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
Secretary Robert Green	Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
John Smack	Maryland Parole Commission
Colonel Roland Butler	Maryland State Police
David Eppler	Office of the Attorney General
Paul DeWolfe Keith Lotridge	Office of the Public Defender Deputy Public Defender
Dr. Bryan Mroz	Maryland Department of Health
Council President Corey Pack	Chair, Local Government Commission
MaryAnn Thompson	St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center
Gail Watts	Baltimore County Department of Corrections

Chief Judge John Morrissey	District Court of Maryland
Judge Brett Wilson	Washington County Circuit Court
James E. Rzepkowski	Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Scott Shellenberger	State's Attorney, Baltimore County
Russell Butler	Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center
Perthean Toins-Banks	Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Lori Brewster	Wicomico County Health Department
Washington County Sheriff Doug Mullendore	Representative of Law Enforcement

## Meeting Minutes

### **I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of January 2022 Meeting Minutes

### **II. Department of Health - Update and Report on 8-505 and 8-507**

- Bryan Mroz (Maryland Department of Health)
- 49 8-505 evaluations completed in January; 53 evaluations completed in February
- 27 8-507 placements in January; 31 placements in February
  - 8-507 Cycle time 11 days
- Post-Covid activities have been running smoothly
- New 8-507 service provider on the Eastern Shore - Palmetto Corner

### **III. Overview of FY2022 Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF) Awards - *Refer to PowerPoint Slides***

### **IV. Prince George's County Drug Treatment Court - *Refer to PowerPoint Slides***

- Problem Solving Courts Criteria for Participation: resident, participate in appropriate treatment, comply with drug testing, abide by curfews, enrolled in educational programs or seek employment, & participation in further programming.
- The General Program Model targets juvenile and adult populations with an average length of stay between 12-18 months, and works to integrate programs with the criminal justice system. Hosts quarterly graduation ceremony for successful completion.
- As progress through each phase, frequency of court appearance decreases.
- Juvenile Drug Court Program focuses on decreasing drug use and delinquency, and increasing the quality of life for students and families (only one in the state, struggling with referrals).

- The Adult Drug Court Program is the longest running program for 20 years, and mainly focuses on reducing drug use. Most participants are African American males, aged 40 and above, with approximately 500 graduates.
- Reentry Court focuses to facilitate successful reentry and promote public safety, for 9 years, and has had over 540 participants. The current capacity consists of 25 participants who are majoritarilly African American males who are over the age of 40.
- Veterans court program originated in 2015, has a capacity of 50 clients, has had 17 graduates, and has served over 410 participants.
- Updates consist of a new partnership with Toys for Tots, secured transportation services. Plans to continue in-person services for the first time in 2 years, and increase virtual contact, court hearings, graduations, and GED courses.
- With the funding received the Problem Solving Courts plan to get additional printers, create a marketing video, mentoring/tutoring service vendors, transportation services, frequent drug testing, continued client supervision (GPS monitoring, etc.), GED vouchers/workbooks.

**V. Bill Gaertner, Founder, Gatekeepers - *Refer to PowerPoint Slides***

- Goals to facilitate the business of living, and to run a program that gives insight and the basic needs to individuals at their immediate release.
- Runs many collaborative efforts with business partners to provide insight and guidance for released individuals and further opportunities.

**VI. FY2023 PIGF Notice of Funding Availability - *Refer to PowerPoint Slides***

**A. Funding Priority Areas**

- Working to identify and fill JRA gaps, and increase transparency for efforts being funded through JRA.
- Important to stress the significance of collaborations and partnerships throughout programming.
- FY2022 Performance Incentive Grant Awards (Jan. 1, 2022-June 30, 2022)
  - 20 Local programs focusing on JRI areas with \$2.1 million dollars awarded.
  - JRA funds reentry programming most heavily, followed by specialty courts, alternatives to incarceration, and then pretrial services.
- Working to update the opportunities and to better understand where the needs are at this moment.
- FY2023 NOFA will highlight evidence based practices.
- State Funding: Reentry Programming & Services; Behavioral Health Treatment/Resources/Services, Support for Victims & Restitution Enhancements, Training/Education, and Alternatives to Incarceration (ex. law enforcement assisted diversion)
- Local Funding will give applicants priority if their programs address incarcerated women and parents, justice involved individuals in need of behavioral health programs, victims of crime, or rural communities.

**B. Timeline**

- Spring 2022 - NOFA Launch

- May 2022 - Deadline to submit an online application
- June 2022 - Letters of Intent/Denial Letters emailed
- July 1, 2022 - Sub-award Start date
- June 30, 2023 - Sub-award end date

C. Outreach and Marketing

- Need to get the message out about PIGF funding and the Local Government Commission to disburse grant money.

D. Reviewers

- Reviewers needed for applications - Oversight Board members should designate a representative to participate in this process.

**VII. Next Steps**

- The next Oversight Board Meeting will take place in Summer 2022.
- Contact Juliana Palmer at: [Juliana.Palmer@maryland.gov](mailto:Juliana.Palmer@maryland.gov) or Carly Seidman at: [Carly.Seidman@maryland.gov](mailto:Carly.Seidman@maryland.gov) with interest to join the reviewing committee or any further questions or concerns.

**VIII. Good of the Order and Adjournment**